

#### FOUR LIVES LOST.

**Bad Result of the Collapse of the Balcony of a Chelsea (Mass.) Club House.**  
 Boston, Aug. 4.—A distressing accident occurred at the boat house of the Chelsea Yacht club on Broadway near the bridge over the Mystic river Thursday evening which changed a night of gaiety and enjoyment to one of mourning. Four persons are dead, while some fifteen or more are injured to a greater or less extent. Those killed are: J. P. Warren, of Chelsea, leader of the band; A. L. Pomeroy, of Melrose, a musician; Mrs. A. P. Schubert, of Chelsea, and Mrs. A. P. Putnam, of Chelsea.

The club was having a concert and an illumination of its quarters in honor of the ladies, many of whom were present from Chelsea and neighboring places. All had proceeded pleasantly until a short time before 9 o'clock when one of the balconies gave way suddenly and most of the occupants were thrown to the pier or the boat below in indescribable confusion.

The rear of the club house has an overhanging porch reaching out over the river and two balconies, one above the other, each 30 or 40 feet in length. Directly beneath the balconies is a large float. It was this that prevented the entire number of people from falling into the water. As it was no one was known to have been drowned, although it is possible some may have fallen from the float into the water and been lost.

The band had just stopped playing and the signal had been given from the commodore's flagship to illuminate. Everyone was anxious to see the spectacle and the 175 or 200 people on the upper floor of the house crowded out upon or towards the upper balcony. The weight was too much for the weak supports of the balcony and they gave way with a crash that startled everyone that heard it.

J. P. Warren, the band leader, was the first one to fall. He was instantly killed, striking on his head. Then, as described by an eye-witness, the flooring boards kept gradually giving way, and one after another shrieking men and women were precipitated through the ragged opening. The scenes were beyond words and everything was in terrible confusion. One man was alone in the lower balcony. He managed to keep clear of the mass of falling humanity and escaped uninjured.

A cry of fire was raised and an alarm sounded from the nearest box, summoning the fire department, the members of which did excellent work in caring for the dead and injured. Nearly two score of people were thrown from the balcony by the accident and piled in a struggling and confused mass upon the float.

#### FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS.

**List of State and Independent Gatherings.**

California, Sacramento, .....	Sept. 4-15
Chicago Exposition, Cattle, Horses, .....	Sept. 25-30
Chicago Exposition, Sheep and Swine, .....	Sept. 25-30
Chicago Exposition, Dogs, .....	Sept. 25-30
Chicago Exposition, Poultry and Fat Stock, .....	Sept. 25-30
Connecticut, Meriden, .....	Sept. 15-22
Delaware, Dover, .....	Sept. 14-16
Georgia, Augusta, .....	Sept. 17-27
Indiana, Indianapolis, .....	Sept. 18-23
Iowa, Des Moines, .....	Sept. 18-23
Missouri, Kansas City, .....	Sept. 25-30
Kansas, Topeka, .....	Sept. 25-30
Kentucky, A. & M. Lexington, .....	Sept. 25-30
Louisiana, Shreveport, .....	Sept. 25-30
Maine, Lewiston, .....	Sept. 25-30
Massachusetts, Horticul., .....	Sept. 25-30
Massachusetts, New England Agricultural, .....	Sept. 25-30
Massachusetts, Worcester, .....	Sept. 25-30
Missouri, Sedalia, .....	Sept. 25-30
Nebraska, Lincoln, .....	Sept. 25-30
Nebraska, Omaha, .....	Sept. 25-30
Nevada, Reno, .....	Sept. 25-30
New England, Worcester (Mass.), .....	Sept. 25-30
New Hampshire, Granite, .....	Sept. 25-30
New Jersey, Interstate, Trenton, .....	Sept. 25-30
New Jersey, Waverly Park, .....	Sept. 25-30
New York, Syracuse, .....	Sept. 25-30
New York, Interstate, Elmira, .....	Sept. 25-30
New York and New England, Troy, .....	Sept. 25-30
New York Western, Rochester, .....	Sept. 25-30
North Carolina, Raleigh, .....	Sept. 25-30
North Dakota, Grand Forks, .....	Sept. 25-30
Ohio, Columbus, .....	Sept. 25-30
Oregon, Salem, .....	Sept. 25-30
Prince Edward Islands, Charlotte, .....	Sept. 25-30
Rhode Island, Cranston, .....	Sept. 25-30
Sioux City Corn Palace, Sioux City, .....	Sept. 25-30
Texas, Dallas, .....	Sept. 25-30
Texas State Fair, McGregor, .....	Sept. 25-30
Texas, Dallas, .....	Sept. 25-30
Toronto Industrial, Toronto, Canada, .....	Sept. 25-30
Vermont, Burlington, .....	Sept. 25-30
Virginia, Richmond, .....	Sept. 25-30
Western Fair, London, Canada, .....	Sept. 25-30
West Virginia, Wheeling, .....	Sept. 25-30

#### BEATEN BY ROBBERS.

**Horrible Treatment of an Aged Couple by Burglars Near Somerset, Pa.**

SOMERSET, Pa., Aug. 4.—Three masked men Wednesday night entered the residence of Abraham Beam, a retired farmer, 97 years old, and finding Mr. and Mrs. Beam alone demanded their money. Mrs. Beam handed them a pocketbook containing less than a dollar. The robbers turned ferociously upon the old couple and beat them in a horrible manner. A piece of fire wood was forced down Mr. Beam's throat in an effort to extort from him the hiding place of his supposed wealth. The old gentleman lost consciousness and the robbers, thinking they had killed him, knocked Mrs. Beam senseless with a club and fled. Mrs. Beam finally recovered and rang the dinner-bell to arouse the neighbors. Dr. Covode says it is doubtful whether Mr. Beam can recover. No trace of the robbers can be found. Mrs. Beam is unable to give a description of the men.

**Thirty Years a Policeman.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Simon O'Donnell, ex-superintendent and more recently an inspector of police, died at his home, No. 281 West Taylor street, at 6 o'clock Thursday evening from inflammation of the bowels. His sickness was brief, he having been suddenly taken ill Saturday. He was 57 years of age and had been connected with the police force for over thirty years.

**Young Girl Fatally Burned.**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Aug. 4.—Madge Fleming, 13 years old, set her clothes on fire while playing with matches Thursday and died from her injuries.

#### A HEALTHY TONE.

**The Situation in Business Circles Shows Signs of Improvement—Review of the Week.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—R. G. Dun's review of trade says:  
 "Demoralization in the speculative markets has been followed by a more healthy tone, and the money market has improved. The week has been one of surprises. Enormous liquidation in wheat brought the lowest prices ever known Tuesday. The crash of the pork market nearly \$100 from the initial price of that product in an hour and caused several failures for millions each. Extraordinary depression in stocks and a slaughter which included some of the best were quickly followed by a bear panic and sensational advances.

"Meanwhile in the money markets there has come a singular sense of relief, notwithstanding an actual increase in present embarrassments, almost amounting to a paralysis of exchange between the chief commercial cities and of many industrial works because 2 per cent. for currency fails to secure what is needed for the payment of wages. Hopes are nevertheless fixed on the ships bringing over \$11,000,000 gold across the sea and on the extra season of currency which will begin Monday.

"Several of the largest and boldest operators at Chicago have been crushed under pork barrels, but the instant increase of foreign purchases convinces the market that the disaster has brought a certain measure of relief. The monetary stringency which at last crushed speculation in wheat and hog products had been caused in part by their prevention of exports and their absorption of enormous capital in carrying unprecedented stocks of production which would have been sold to foreign consumers would have brought gold enough to avert much evil.

"Wheat has recovered about four cents and pork two dollars or more at Chicago, and orders for exports have caused a sudden advance in the price of wheat. With a great surplus of wheat brought over from previous years, the country will be able to meet all demands, even though the crops prove small enough to justify a considerable advance from previous prices. The greater crop of corn, almost assured, has usual accumulation of pork and hog products would be safer on the ocean than in Chicago warehouses and more healthful to the country.

"Stocks at the lowest point of the week averaged a little more than \$1 per share, but in a very long way down to the prices of 1877, averaging at the lowest \$23 per share, and the contrast between the condition and earnings of railroads now and then is greater than the difference in price. Railroad earnings continue fairly satisfactory, though they show a recent decline and a reduction of rates for world's fair travel. For good stocks some recovery from such a fall as that of last week was inevitable, and its rapidity indicated how many stocks had been absorbed by investors here and abroad.

"Bank failures have been almost as numerous this week as for either of the two preceding weeks, but fewer have been of more than local importance. The western states show greater distrust or weakness than other sections. Out of 10 banks failed since March 5 in western cities, six in southern and 151 in western states. The failures of national banks numbered 58; of state banks, 79, and of private banks 67. In anxious efforts to fortify themselves banks have hoarded currency and locked up a large amount of currency and the depositors who have drawn their accounts are also keeping out of use many millions. As the entire circulation of bills of less than \$5 each is but \$700,000,000, the demand for currency in the banks number nearly 5,000,000, the withdrawal, or the mere withholding of accustomed deposits by a considerable proportion of them would put out of the market much of the small notes. The demand for them has been so great that shipments of silver in many cases have been gladly received, and the difficulty of getting currency for paying employees causes a premium for currency, in many cases ranging as high as 2 per cent.

"Closing of shops and works for lack of orders is the overshadowing fact. Yet many stoppages are only for a few weeks, unless circumstances should lead managers to extend them, and it is believed that the consuming demand has not been reduced in proportion to the present decrease of production, so that better orders may presently enable many works to resume. Most of the large carpet mills have closed; so have a large share of works producing men's woolsens, and many of those producing dress goods, flannels and knit goods. Prices are weak and yet so low that much decline seems unlikely.

"The Carnegie and some other iron works have almost ceased production, and yet the demand brings no further stimulus, though prices in the market are so low that most makers prefer to stop than to make lower. In boot and shoe shops the situation is nearly the same, eastern shipments falling off about a quarter.

"Full accounts from many places show how well banking and mercantile interests are sustaining the extraordinary strain and prove that the volume of retail business is nowhere restrained as yet in proportion to the curtailment of wholesale trade. Gold imports may help to revive the credits upon which a great share of business depends. The volume of domestic trade, indicated by railway earnings, is but 6 per cent. smaller than last year, and clearings at the chief cities show a decrease of 16 per cent. outside New York.

"While the failures of the week number 113 against 100 last year, a great proportion of them are at the west, and it is cheering to note that comparatively few of importance occur except in connection with speculative operations. The west contributed most largely to the number of failures, 237 being reported from that section. In the east there were 133 and in the south forty-six. There were three failures of a million or more—two at Chicago, due to the break in the pork deal, and one in New York city."

#### BESIEGE THE TRAINS.

**Exodus From Colorado a Heavy Burden for Farmers and Railroads.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 5.—The exodus of Colorado miners continues through Kansas, proving a heavy burden to the western farmers and a source of great annoyance to the railroads. The tramp trains carry from 200 to 400 each day going east, and the regular trains are still besieged by idle and destitute miners who are determined to get out of the country. The crowds are so great in Denver that the first-class passenger trains frequently back away from the depot and then run through the station at full speed in order to prevent the men from jumping on. Trains that refuse to stop are pelted with rocks and clubs. In some instances the trains are accompanied through Kansas by guards of soldiers to avoid any interference with regular travel by these flying laborers. The Kansas farmers are feeding them along the route whenever they are able to do so, and many of the men have accepted work on the farms.

#### RAISED THE BLOCKADE.

**The Ports of Siam Again Free to Ships of All Nations—A Battle Reported.**

BANGKOK, Aug. 5.—The blockade of this place was formally raised by Admiral Humann Thursday. The return of M. Pavie, the French minister, to Siam, is expected daily. The provinces are in a disturbed state. The Saigon papers say there was some severe fighting between the Siamese and French July 30 on the Mekong river. It is said that 300 of the Siamese were killed, while the French losses were slight. The latter have occupied several more

#### FIGHTING IN SAMOA.

**Foreign Warships Interfere and Force a Peace—Mataafa Has Surrendered—Thirty of His Followers Were Killed and Twenty Wounded in a Battle with Malletta's Forces.**

APAI, Samoa, July 19, via San Francisco.—The trouble between the rival forces of Malletta and Mataafa culminated in a battle, in which the latter lost thirty men killed and twenty wounded. The warships of three foreign powers intervened and stopped the fighting. Mataafa and his chiefs have surrendered.

The fight occurred on the 8th, and the rebels were defeated and forced to retreat. The first news of the battle which reached Apia was the bringing and presenting with much ceremony to Malletta of the heads of eleven rebels. Later two more heads were brought in, making thirteen in all. Four women were killed during the battle, two of whom were engaged in the fighting along with others. One of these was beheaded while defending her wounded husband. On his way back from the fight Mataafa, who was wounded, set fire to his own town, which was burned to the ground. At latest accounts he had gone to Upolo, where he was hemmed in and had no chance of escape. Foreign consuls at Apia have issued a proclamation ordering all white inhabitants to keep away from the natives and take no part in hostilities. Malletta's forces number 2,500 men, while those of the rebel chief are only about 800.

Malletta's warriors returned to Apia with the spoils of victory. Each man who had the luck to cut off the head of an enemy marched through the streets of Apia with the enemy's head. They walked up the street yelling like fiends, with eyes starting from their sockets, and throwing the severed heads about like baseballs, the blood dripping all over the bearers. Many heads were brought in this manner and after being exhibited about town were presented to Malletta as trophies of war. The king graciously received them and they were then thrown into a hole in the ground.

#### TO THE BOTTOM.

**A Yacht Laden with Excursionists Strikes a Hidden Snag on Lake St. George and Sinks—Nine of the Party Are Drowned.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The steamer Rachel Sherman struck a rock and sank Thursday evening at Pearl Point landing, Lake George. She had an excursion party of twenty-nine persons aboard from Fourteen-Mile Island. The names of those drowned are as follows: Miss Mattie Hall, Brooklyn; Bertha Benedict, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Edith Harding, Hoboken, N. J.; Miss H. M. Burton, Jersey City, N. J.; Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, Burlington; F. C. Mitchell, Burlington; Lizzie Corley, Burlington; Cora Black, Burlington, and Lizzie Clark, Bridgeport, Conn.

The terrible accident occurred about 9 o'clock Friday night at the lower end of Lake George. The steam yacht Rachel is owned by D. W. Sherman, proprietor of the Pearl Point house. The little vessel was turned toward the One Hundred Island house, and was gliding toward the landing, when the passengers were thrown forward by a sudden shock. In the dark the vessel had run upon a sunken pier and before assistance arrived from the shore it sank in 18 feet of water. The shrieking, struggling passengers battled for life in the darkness. Deeds of heroism were performed by the men.

#### "HOOSIER POETESS" DEAD.

Mrs. Sarah T. Bolton Passes Away at Her Home in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 5.—Sarah T. Bolton, one of the oldest and most famous women in Indiana, died at her residence in this city Friday night. Mrs. Bolton was known as the "Hoosier Poetess," and has written poems that are known world-wide, among them being "Paddle Your Own Canoe" and "Indiana," a glowing tribute to that commonwealth. She was the wife of Nathaniel Bolton, deceased, the founder of the Indianapolis Sentinel, the oldest daily paper in Indiana, at one time consul to Geneva, Switzerland. Mrs. Bolton was born in Kentucky in 1814, but came to Indiana when a little girl, and all her life with the exception of when she was abroad has been spent in Indianapolis and vicinity.

#### RAIN IS NEEDED.

**Western Crops Suffering Greatly from Protracted Drought.**

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Aug. 5.—Over two weeks of continuous dry weather is having a serious effect on this section. Oats and hay are safe. All gardens are dried beyond resurrection. Pasture is nearly gone. Unless rain comes the stock will soon have to be fed. The late potato crop is in a critical condition.

PAXTON, Ill., Aug. 5.—A drought has prevailed here during the last two months, broken only by light showers. Rain is greatly needed for the growing corn. Pastures are drying up and some hay is being fed, although it is now selling at \$10 per ton. Without rain soon great damage will result.

#### Will Not Sell Their Reservation.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Aug. 5.—The Osage Indians, whose fertile reservation of 2,000,000 acres covered the eastern extension of the Cherokee strip, have refused to treat with the government commissioners, and their land will probably not be opened to settlement for several years to come.

#### Feud Ends in Murder.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 5.—As a result of an old feud, George W. Mayville, a wealthy and respectable citizen, shot and killed J. S. McCabe, a neighbor, at the latter's ranch, 18 miles from here. In company with a farm hand, Tom Conboy, McCabe was going to his meadow, when Conboy called McCabe's attention to a man hiding in the brush along the fence. A close scrutiny showed the person to be Mayville, with a Winchester. As McCabe advanced to the spot where Mayville was hiding, Mayville shot him through the body and he died in a few minutes afterwards. Mayville gave himself up.

#### A BAD WRECK.

**Three Men Killed and a Number Hurt on the Lake Shore Road Near Lindsey, O.—Several Members of the Chicago Baseball Team Among the Injured.**

FREMONT, O., Aug. 7.—A serious wreck occurred Saturday night shortly after 10 o'clock at Lindsey, a village of about 500 inhabitants 8 miles west of this place, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway. An engine and three sleepers were demolished and three persons killed outright, while twenty-five were injured.

The wreck was caused by the collision of a west-bound passenger train and an east-bound freight. Passenger train No. 9 passed, at Lindsey, a local freight, No. 74, which had been sidetracked to await the passing of train No. 9. The train was running at full speed and passed safely until the sleepers neared the switch close to the freight, when the first three sleepers jumped the track and ran into the engine of the freight. The engine was wrecked and the sleepers crushed like egg shells.

As the sleepers were filled with passengers it seemed a miracle that many were not instantly killed. The scene that followed the collision was heart-rending. The groans of the dying, the shrieks of the injured and the hissing of escaping steam combined to add horror to a sight that will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. Work was at once begun to render aid to the injured and those who were imprisoned in the ruins. The track for some distance was covered with debris, beneath which several persons were imprisoned. Legs, hands and arms protruded here and there from beneath the ruins.

It was later learned that the dead were: Engineer Edward Lafferty of the local freight; Charles Span, a brakeman on the same train; Porter Robertson (colored) of the sleeper Erie, of Chicago.

The seriously injured are as follows: Prof. Emerson, of Amherst college, Gloucester, Mass., chest crushed, will die; J. A. Hamilton, of Pittsburgh, injured internally, perhaps fatally; Porter Stevens (colored), New York, extent of injuries not known; Porter Pelham (colored), of the sleeper Orinoco, Chicago, injured internally, very serious; A. H. West, of Chicago, badly cut, not seriously.

The members of the Chicago baseball club were on the train, en route for Chicago from Cleveland. The following were among the injured: James Ryan, center fielder, severely cut and injured about head, legs and arms; M. J. Kettledge, cut about head and body; Capt. A. C. Anson, head bruised and light injuries; W. McGill, pitcher, bruised about head and arms; W. R. Wilmont, left fielder, bruised and light injuries. Prof. Emerson and Porter Pelham are now in an unconscious condition and their deaths are hourly expected. During the day thousands of people have driven from all parts of the county to visit the scene of the disaster.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Nearly all of the members of the Chicago baseball club who were hurt in the railway accident at Lindsey, O., Saturday night were able to play in the game with the Louisville team on Sunday. Ryan, however, is in Mercy hospital, and it will be two or three weeks before he will be able to resume his place.

#### MILLS STARTING UP.

**Over Three Thousand Men to Be Put to Work at Pittsburgh.**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 7.—Notices were posted at Jones & Laughlins' mills that the entire plant would be put in operation this morning, giving employment to 3,000 men. Every department will go on double turn. The men are jubilant at the prospect of getting to work again and believe that they will be given steady employment hereafter. The merchants and business men of Brownston are also elated over the news, as the majority were becoming pushed on account of the present financial depression and having to carry the men through the period of their idleness. The sheet and hammer mills of the Brown & Co. plant on Tenth street will open up for work Tuesday morning.

Many foreigners out of work on account of the general dullness, and fearful they will not be able to secure labor soon, are returning to their native lands. At the Union station the officials state that parties of from fifteen to twenty are daily going from here to eastern ports to sail for home, and the same tale is told at the B. & O. station.

#### PISTOL BATTLE IN OHIO.

**One Man Killed, One Mortally Wounded and Two Hurt in a Family Row.**

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 7.—A desperate shooting affray, in which one man was killed, one mortally wounded and two badly hurt, occurred on the farm of Washington Smith near Newark, O., on Saturday. There had been trouble between the Smith and Howell families for some time. Saturday morning Washington Smith, his two sons, Asa and Charley, and William Howell and his son Edward, met at a thrashing bee. Soon a quarrel started and Asa Smith opened fire with a revolver. The Howells returned the fire and soon all were involved. Asa Smith was shot through the head and instantly killed; Charles Smith was shot through the lungs and will die. Washington Smith and William Howell also received bullet wounds. Edward Howell gave himself up and was held in \$10,000 bail.

#### Government Store of Silver.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Inquiry at the treasury department elicits the information that the government has now on hand about 130,000,000 ounces of fine silver, costing \$118,000,000. The coinage value of the bullion on hand is about \$167,000,000. If this were coined the government would realize a profit of about \$48,000,000, against which silver certificates could be issued. It would take, however, it is stated, with the present coinage capacities of the United States, about five years to convert this bullion into silver dollars. Silver certificates, by law, could only be issued on the profits as coined.

#### GREAT RESERVOIR BURSTS.

**Four Persons Lose Their Lives in a Flood at Portland, Me.**

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 7.—The great reservoir of the Portland Water company on the eastern promenade burst Sunday morning, letting loose 20,000,000 gallons of water in the space of about fifteen minutes. The immense mass of water thus suddenly loosed dashed with mighty power upon the two houses occupied by the families of Michael Lappen and Dennis M. Conley. The buildings were crushed as if they had been made of cardboard and four persons lost their lives. They were: Mrs. Dennis M. Conley, Miss Agnes Conley, Miss Mamie Conley and James Mosely.

Under the walls of the reservoir were two small houses, each with a small stable attached. The one next to the reservoir stood but a foot from the reservoir fence, and the high wall of clay and dirt loomed 50 feet or more above, the grassy bank seeming like the side of a small mountain. Michael Lappen and family live in the house, the family consisting of wife, five children and an adopted child. Four of his children are very young, while the fifth is a young man. In the next house lived Dennis M. Conley, his wife and two daughters, Agnes and Mamie, and his son John and his wife.

Two women about 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning passed by the reservoir. One, Mrs. Hutchins, heard a hissing noise and saw a stream of water bubbling quite forcibly from the ground at the foot of the reservoir wall. The ladies immediately ran to the Lappen house, aroused the inmates and then aroused the Conleys.

The stream at that time was only about as large as a man's arm, but almost the next instant it was the size of a man's body. The members of the Lappen family evacuated their home quickly. The Conley family was not so fortunate. They were warned in time, and it seems that Mrs. Conley was already up and dressed when the warning came. The other members of the family got up at once, and, supposing that they would surely get out, James Conley started for the barn to rescue his horse. The younger Mrs. Conley did get out in her night dress, hastily folding a wrapper about her as she went. She went across the road and fell fainting there.

The elder Mrs. Conley, with her two daughters, Agnes and Mamie, appeared next at the door. They were holding each other by the arms and seemed to be about to come across the street while there was yet time. But for some reason they did not go. The water was already dashing against the door sill and perhaps terrified them, or perhaps they thought the house the safest place. The reason will never be known, for the group of horror-stricken neighbors saw them draw back and close the door.

Young James Mosley, Mr. Lappen's adopted son, comprehended that the Conleys were lost unless they could be gotten out of the house at once. He dashed across the street, through the increasing water, and went into the doomed house. He was never seen alive again. Mr. Conley had not got his horse fully untied before the flood was upon him. He and his horse dashed out through the torrent and escaped.

#### NO ONE RESPONSIBLE.

**Grand Jurors Dismiss the Men Held for the Cold Storage Holocaust.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—The grand jury has turned its report into court and has been discharged by Judge Clifford without having indicted anybody for blame in the cold-storage building fire at the exposition. The failure of the jury to hold any one for the disaster was expected. "The grand jury gave the matter a great deal of attention," said Foreman James Doran after leaving the court-room, "but could not conscientiously hold for criminal carelessness either Fire Marshal Murphy, Director of Works Burnham, President Skinner or Manager McDonald, of the Hercules Iron Works. They were all bound over by the coroner's jury, it is true, but there was not a particle of evidence to show that they were responsible for the disaster. The jury went before Judge Windes and asked him to explain what constitutes criminal carelessness, and, although we heard a great mass of testimony, none of it, in our opinion, tended to prove that they were guilty of such a crime."

#### STRIKE OF COAL MINERS.

**Half a Million Men Out of Work in England and It Is Not Yet Ended.**

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Rumor has had it that the great strike of coal miners that began on July 28 has been settled. These reports, however, are not true. The price of coal is rising in consequence of the strike and this fact is causing a suspension of work in many factories in Lancashire and Yorkshire. It is estimated that fully 500,000 hands who depend on mining, shipping and manufacturing for their living have been thrown out of work through the strike.

#### Shot for an Adverse Criticism.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 7.—Capt. W. J. Allen, business manager of the Interstate News at Texarkana, Ark., was on Saturday shot down on the street by Judge J. J. King, a prominent lawyer, and is now dying. The trouble grew out of an adverse criticism in Allen's paper regarding the acts of the county commissioners of Bowie county. The parties are prominent in business and social circles. The affair has caused a sensation.

#### Thomas Resigns.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Theodore Thomas, musical director at the world's fair, has forwarded his resignation to Chairman Ellsworth of the executive committee on music. It has not yet been accepted. In his letter Mr. Thomas refers to the reduction of expenses in his department and advises that the remainder of the fair music be conducted on the basis of amusement and not as a perfect and complete exhibition of the musical art in all its branches, as at first projected. In quitting his position as musical director, Mr. Thomas offers his services free for any future plans.

#### WOULD-BE LYNCHERS SLAIN.

**A Mob Undertakes to Hang Two Brothers Accused of Killing Their Father Near Corydon, Ind.—The Howled Men Flee on Their Assaults, Killing Four and Fatally Wounding Another—They Escape.**

CORYDON, Ind., Aug. 7.—Boone township, not far from here, was the scene of a terrible tragedy early Sunday morning, four men being killed and one fatally wounded. The dead are all farmers, as follows: Edward Houston, Isaac Howe, John Timberlake and William Wiseman. William May, also a farmer, was fatally injured.

Four months ago Samuel and William Conrad, farmers, aged 27 and 21, living in Boone township with their mother and sister, were suspected of killing their father, who was found in a blood with his head crushed and a bloody club lying near by. After a short time the boys were arrested and charged with the crime, the supposition being that they put their father out of the way in order to get his property, the old man being pretty well off. There was a good deal of excitement at the trial, the court room being crowded at every sitting, but the state could get no proof and the prisoners were discharged. This angered the farmers in the community where the Conrads lived and it was determined to raise a body of men and try the young fellows in the court of Judge Lynch.

But the neighbors had misjudged the metal of the suspected brothers. The latter said nothing when they heard that a mob was proposed, but quietly loaded up their shotguns and waited. About midnight Saturday 100 men or more assembled at a small school-house not far from the home of the Conrads and marched to the house, reaching there about 1 o'clock in the morning. Some of the members of the mob were masked and others made no attempt at concealment.

After the Conrads had received warning of the visit they hid themselves under a porch on the front part of the house. They had made several auger holes in the flooring of the porch, through which the muzzles of the guns could be thrust and fired at close range with deadly execution. When the gang approached the house and stepped on the porch they demanded admittance. At that moment the Conrads fired. The contents found lodgment in the bodies of the mob and two men fell dead on the porch. Two others were found several hours later a few hundred yards from the house stone dead. It is also reported that Mrs. Conrad was injured in the fight.

Finding it impossible to dislodge the brothers the mob withdrew to the woods and held a consultation. The lynchers hadn't expected such a determined resistance and didn't know exactly what to do. It was finally decided to wait till daylight and then make another attack. When the dawn came and it was clear daylight another advance was made upon the house, but everything was still and the house appeared deserted. The mob approached the place unmolested and meeting with no resistance broken open the front door. No one was in the lower part of the house and a search was made of the upper story. Some blood was found upon the floor, and it was evident that one or both of the brothers had been wounded. A search of the stable showed that the two horses were gone. The brothers had fled.

As soon as word reached this city of the killing the sheriff and several deputies, accompanied by the coroner, set out for Boone township to make an investigation. Inquests upon the bodies of the dead men will be held to-day. It is probable there will be five bodies to sit upon. The buckshot with which the shotguns were loaded tore a great hole in William May's left breast and almost severed his left arm from the shoulder.

Word has been sent to New Albany, Jeffersonville, Louisville and other towns on the river to be on the look-out for the Conrad brothers. Should they be caught and brought back here their fate would soon be sealed, as the farmers of Boone township are determined to hang them. The sheriff and posse are now searching the country between Boone township and the Ohio river.

At the preliminary trial of the Conrad boys for murdering their father it was said that while out in the woods chopping a dispute arose among them, in which the old man was killed by his sons. The brothers testified at the trial that the old man fell against the stove in